

Further, pursuant to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Astrue v. Ratliff, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), these attorney fees are payable to Plaintiff as the prevailing party and are subject to offset through the Treasury Department's Offset Program to satisfy any pre-existing debt plaintiff may owe to the United States government. If, after the entry of this Order, the Commissioner determines that Plaintiff owes no debt to the United States that would subject this

award of attorney fees to offset, the Commissioner may honor the Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA fees providing for payment of the subject fees to Plaintiff's counsel, rather than to Plaintiff. If, however, the Commissioner discovers that Plaintiff owes the United States any debt subject to offset, the Commissioner will pay any attorney fees remaining after such offset to Plaintiff, rather than to counsel.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 5, 2018



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

